REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 17-20, 23 and 24 have been cancelled. Claim 7 has been amended to improve the form of the claim. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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